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NO MENTION OF A SUMMIT

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1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY. SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS HAS PUBLISHED RELATIVELY LONG OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE FOR 74TH SESSION OF CEMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN MOSCOW JAN 13 THROUGH 16. MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF ALL CEMA MEMBER COUNTRIES AND BY YUGOSLAV REP FROM FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. MOST SIGNIFICANT FEATURE IS ABSENCE OF ANY INDICATION OF POSSIBLE CEMA SUMMIT AND FACT THAT SEVERAL OF AGENDA ITEMS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING COINCIDE WITH THOSE

REPORTEDLY PROPOSED FOR SUMMIT MEETING LAST NOVEMBER. PROPOSALS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF LARGE MULTILATERAL PRODUCTION BASES FOR MANUFACTURE OF MACHINERY FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY WERE DISCUSSED BUT APPARENTLY NOT APPROVED BY ALL COUNTRIES. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT POSSIBILITY OF CEMA SUMMIT IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE IS NOW VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT. THUS, ROMANIANS, BY REFUSING TO YIELD ON ISSUE OF RIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL CEMA COUNTRIES TO HAVE DIRECT CONTACTS WITH EEC, HAVE FORCED SOVIETS TO CANCEL HIGH-LEVEL EXTRAORDINARY CEMA COUNCIL SESSION WHICH WOULD HAVE PROVIDED IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY OF CEMA UNITY ON EVE OF NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN PERIOD AND UPCOMING CPSU CONGRESS. NEVERTHELESS WE EXPECT SOVIETS TO RESUME EFFORTS ON CEMA-EEC RELATIONS ISSUE. END
INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS REPORTED IN COMMUNIQUE.

(A) TRANSPORT. COMMITTEE DISCUSSED AND APPROVED CEMA PERMANENT COMMISSION PLAN FOR EXPANSION OF FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT FACILITIES BETWEEN CEMA COUNTRIES DURING 1976-80 PERIOD AND ALSO LONG-RANGE PLANS THROUGH 1990. PROGRAM INVOLVES RECONSTRUCTION AND NEW EQUIPMENT FOR RAILROAD AND MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORT SYSTEMS, FRONTIER STATIONS, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS, INTERNAL WATERWAYS, RIVER AND SEA PORTS. BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL PROJECTS IN THIS AREA HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR COMPLETION IN 1976.

(B) MACHINERY FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY. A REPORT OF CEMA PERMANENT COMMISSION FOR MACHINE BUILDING WAS REVIEWED. AGREEMENTS PREPARED BY CEMA SPECIALIZED AGENCIES ON ESTABLISHMENT OF LARGE PRODUCTION CENTERS FOR PRODUCTION OF MACHINERY FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY WERE SIGNED "BY APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS OF INTERESTED MEMBER COUNTRIES." THESE CENTERS (REFERRED TO AS "BASES"), WHICH WILL INVOLVE "MULTILATERAL, INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIZATION AND COOPERATIVE PRODUCTION", WILL PRODUCE "HIGH-PRODUCTIVITY MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT" FOR TEXTILE, CLOTHING, PRINTING, FURNITURE AND WOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES.
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(C) BEARINGS. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON PROGRAMS PREPARED BY CEAM PERMANENT COMMISSIONS FOR MACHINE CONSTRUCTION AND FOR FERROUS METALLURGY ON EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION OF BEARINGS. THIS WILL BE DONE THROUGH SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL QUANTITY OF SPECIAL TYPES OF MACHINE TOOLS AND SPECIAL TYPES OF STEEL.

(D) AGRICULTURE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS BY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION, THERE WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PRODUCTION OF FODDER FOR LIVESTOCK, AND IN MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR PROCESSING OF LIVESTOCK FODDER AND FEEDS.

(E) CONSTRUCTION IN MONGOLIA. COMMITTEE APPROVED BROAD PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING AND INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION IN MONGOLIA PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC (MPR). ASSISTANCE WILL BE BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AND WILL INCLUDE ESTABLISHMENT OF BASES FOR PRODUCTION OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.

(F) CEMA INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS. ACTIVITY OF CEMA SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS WAS REVIEWED AND PROPOSALS ADOPTED FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR OPERATIONS.

(G) CONTACTS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. IN ADDITION TO APPROVING 1976 BUDGET AND OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORK PLAN FOR 1976, COMMITTEE APPROVED ITS PLAN FOR "REALIZATION OF CEMA CONTACTS WITH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS DURING 1976."

3. COMMENT. COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS NO INDICATION WHATEVER OF POSSIBLE CEMA SUMMIT MEETING, DESPITE EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE LAST FALL. MOREOVER, SEVERAL OF PROGRAMS OUTLINED COINCIDE WITH ITEMS ON PROPOSED CEMA SUMMIT AGENDA ABOUT WHICH EMBASSY WAS ADVISED LAST NOVEMBER. THIS LEADS US TO CONCLUSION THAT POSSIBILITY FOR SUMMIT IN NEAR FUTURE IS NOW REMOTE.

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ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE ROMANIANS. THEIR STUBBORN REFUSAL TO YIELD ON VARIETY OF ISSUES, INCLUDING RIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL CEMA COUNTRIES TO HAVE DIRECT BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH COMMON MARKET, HAS FORCED SOVIETS (AND CEMA SECRETARIAT) TO GIVE UP PLANS FOR IMPRESSIVE, HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WHICH WOULD DEMONSTRATE CEMA STRENGTH AND UNITY ON EVE OF NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN PERIOD AND JUST PRIOR TO IMPORTANT CONGRESS OF CPSU.

5. ON PAPER, MOST OF OBJECTIVES OF CEMA SUMMIT NOW APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ATTAINED. DOCUMENT PREPARED FOR FORMAL SESSION HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN CIRCULATED TO ALL CAPITALS FOR AD REFERENDUM APPROVAL. AND NOW A ROUTINE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HAS DEALT WITH WHAT

APPEAR TO BE MOST OF SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS.

6. THERE IS ALSO INDICATION IN COMMUNIQUE THAT NOT RPT
NOT ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES APPROVED PLAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT
OF CENTRALIZED PRODUCTION CENTERS FOR MACHINERY FOR LIGHT
INDUSTRY, A SCHEME WHICH CARRIES STRONG IMPLICATIONS
OF CEMA SUPRA-NATIONALITY AND CENTRALIZED (READ SOVIET)
CONTROL OVER EE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. SINCE SUCH
PROPOSALS ARE COMPLETE ANATHEMA TO ROMANIANS, WE WOULD
BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY BUCHAREST MAY
BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ON THEIR PARTICIPATION.

7. BRIEF COMMUNIQUE REFERENCE TO DISCUSSION OF CONTACTS
WITH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS DURING 1976
PROBABLY COVERS RELATIONS WITH COMMON MARKET, BUT
WE DOUBT IF ANY SPECTACULAR NEW APPROACHES WERE PROPOSED.
IT SEEMS LIKELY HOWEVER, THAT
THERE WILL BE NEW SOVIET EFFORTS TO
MOVE CEMA RANKS INTO LINE AND ROMANIANS CAN EXPECT
TO RECEIVE A BILL FROM THE SOVIETS EITHER ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL,
OR PERHAPS BOTH, FOR THE LOSS OF A CEMA SUMMIT MEETING
IN NOVEMBER 1975.

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